

What is claimed is:

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1 1. A sealed battery, comprising:  
2 a generator element that is an electrode group  
3 impregnated with electrolyte;  
4 an external casing that has an opening and  
5 encloses the generator element;  
6 a closure cap for sealing the opening, the closure  
7 cap having a gas release valve that is formed by covering  
8 a gas release hole in the closure cap with a thin film;  
9 and  
10 a shielding member that is located between the  
11 thin film and the generator element to protect the thin  
12 film from the electrolyte so as to secure a gas channel  
13 from an internal space of the external casing to the gas  
14 release hole.

1 2. The sealed battery according to Claim 1, wherein a  
2 space is provided between the shielding member and the  
3 thin film to allow gas to flow from the internal space of  
4 the external casing to the gas release hole.

1 3. The sealed battery according to Claim 2, wherein  
2 the shielding member is a plate set in parallel with the  
3 thin film.



